

Amendments in the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of playing a card game ~~among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method~~ comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker; wherein each said Joker can be used as an Ace, or to form a Straight or Flush;
- (b) each Player placing either a Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager betting on the content of the Player's hand or a Poker Bet wager betting against the Banker's hand, or both;
- (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) from their own seven-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker selecting their own best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;
- (f) determining whether each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager wins or loses, if any; wherein a Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces; wherein this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of aforesaid winning hands;
- (g) setting each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager with the Banker;
- (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties ~~and setting each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker~~, if any; wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker

Bet game from the highest rank to the lowest rank as follows: 5 Aces, Royal Flush, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair, and High Card; Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; and

- (i) ~~determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, and setting each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker, if any.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker; wherein the Joker may be used as an Ace, or to form a Straight or Flush.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 1, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely €1 to 1}, on a hand of Two Pair or better; and is paid one and one half of the wager, namely €3 to 2}, on a hand that has two or more Aces in either the Player's best 5-card poker hand or the Player's seven dealt cards.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 4-1, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely €1 to 1}, on a hand of a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight or Flush, and is paid 5 to 2 on a hand of Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling

with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid neither Even Money, namely (1 to 1), if the Banker's losing hand is King-Queen or better, or one half of the wager, namely (1 to 2), if the Banker's losing hand is King-Jack or lower.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid neither Even Money, namely (1 to 1), or one half of the wager, namely (1 to 2), if the Banker's losing hand is a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a lower ranking hand~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of King-Queen or better (~~a King-Queen high hand or a better hand~~), this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely (1 to 2)~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins or loses~~=1~~; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-car poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely (1 to 1).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a better ranking hand~~, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely {1 to 2}, if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins or loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely {1 to 1}.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a better ranking hand~~, this wager pushes and ~~no money is won or lost~~ neither wins nor loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely {1 to 1}.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling

with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses; ~~if~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid Even Money, namely (1 to 1), less a certain percent of commission.

Claim 14 (original): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as any card.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 7=1, wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player and the Banker may receive their own hand in either one of the following fashions:

- (a) they receive their own seven cards and no community ~~cards~~ card;
- (b) they receive their own six cards and one community card;
- (c) they receive their own five cards and two community cards;
- (d) they receive their own four cards and three community cards;
- (e) they receive their own three cards and four community cards;
- (f) they receive their own two cards and five community cards;
- (g) they receive their own one card and six community cards; and
- (h) they receive no card their own and seven community cards;

Claim 17 (new): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein A2345 is the 2nd highest Straight.

Claim 18 (new): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's

best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, less a 5% commission.

Claim 19 (new claim): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker; wherein the Joker may be used as any card.